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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 5, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Oberg was absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary on the following issues.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott
Utility Division

(358) In the matter of MDU Resources Group Inc. - Docket D95.8.115; on August 18, 1995, MDU Resources Group, Inc. filed an application for authority to issue additional shares of Common Stock, par value \$3.33, in connection with a three-for-two Common Stock split affected in the form of a fifty percent stock dividend. The Company presently has 18,984,654 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding. The Company will receive no proceeds from the issue of the proposed shares of the new Common Stock and no underwriting or other fees or commissions will be paid in connection with said issuance and distribution of the additional new shares. A Default Order has been drafted. Commissioner Fisher moved to grant the issuance of the Default Order, No. 8563. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(359) In the matter of US WEST Communications - Docket N95.8.117; on August 18, 1995, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 95-17 to propose revisions to its MTS rate schedule format. The revisions incorporate the MTS evening and night/weekend rate discounts directly into the MTS price list. Currently, the discounts are shown in a separate table. There are no rate changes due to this filing. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff revisions as filed. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(360) In the matter of US WEST Communications - Docket N95.8.118; on August 21, 1995, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 95-AC3 to propose revisions to its Access Services Tariff. The first revision introduces Simultaneous Voice and Data Service which provides dedicated digital data and local exchange service simultaneously on the same 2-wire cable pair. This filing also introduces Digital Data Service Central Office multiplexing and connecting arrangement options. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff revisions as filed. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(361) In the matter of LDDS Communications - Docket N95.8.120; on August 23, 1995, LDDS submitted proposed tariff revisions for Commission approval. The revisions include rate changes and monthly service fee waivers for several services. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the tariff revisions as submitted. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(362) In the matter of Docket TN1721; Falls Transportation, Inc., dba Diamond Cab (Great Falls, MT), PSC No. 308, has filed for rate increases/decreases to bring their tariff in line with the state contract with SRS for transportation of medicaid patients. The carrier is paid \$10.00 per one-way trip. The change is in state medicaid transportation rates only. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the rate increases/decreases. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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(363) In the matter of Docket TN1722; Falls Transportation, Inc., dba Diamond Cab (Great Falls, MT), PSC No. 8917, has filed a rate decrease to bring their tariff in line with the state contract for SRS medicaid patients. The carrier is paid \$10.00 per one-way trip. The change is in state medicaid transportation rates only. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the rate decrease. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(364) In the matter of Docket T-95.42.OTH; Intermountain Tariff Bureau, Inc., Agent (for and on behalf of its participating carriers), filed an application for approval of amendments to its bylaws. The amendments are both clerical and substantive, including reference to membership by passenger carriers and provisions for dissolution. No protests were received. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the amendments to the bylaws. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(365) In the matter of Docket T95.41.ST; Schelko, Inc. dba A-Limo Limousine Co., Billings, Montana has filed an application for transfer of Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, PSC No. 8943 to Milam, Inc. dba A-Limo Limousine Co., Huntley, MT.

Class B - Passengers by limousine between all points and places in Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweetgrass and Yellowstone Counties. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to passenger vehicles having a capacity not to exceed twelve (12) passengers. (2) Transportation is limited to limousine (luxury automobile) service only. (3) Transportation as a bus, jitney or taxi is prohibited. (4) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1) hour in advance.

No protests have been received. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 8943. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(366) In the matter of Docket T-95.40.PCN; Harry B. Peck dba The Stage Coach, Garneill, MT has filed an application for a Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing the following:

Class C - Passengers between all points and places within Fergus, Judith Basin, and Wheatland Counties. Limitations: Transportation is limited to that provided under contract for the account of Heartland Seed Company and/or its successor in interest.

No protests have been received.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the application for Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(367) In the matter of Docket TN1725; Lawrence M. Rummans dba Diamond Willow Stage Line, Lewistown, Montana requests cancellation of PSC No. 9138. The authority is suspended and the final suspension will be up October 1, 1995.

Class B - Passengers and baggage in charter service, between all points and places within the state of Montana. Limitations: 1) There will be no more than twelve (12) passengers per vehicle transported. 2) All charter trips shall originate in Fergus County, Montana, then may travel to all points and places within the State of Montana and return to Fergus County, Montana, for termination.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 9138. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed 4-0. Commissioner Oberg did not leave a vote on this issue.

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APPEARANCE
Laura Calkin
Centralized Services

(368) In the matter of the approval of the October 1995 calendar;
Commissioner Rowe moved
to approve the October 1995 calendar. Commissioner Fisher seconded the
motion, which passed
unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was
adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held
at the Commis-
sion's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 6, 1995, the
following members were
present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioners Oberg and Anderson were absent, but left their votes with the
Commission
Secretary on the following issues.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(369) In the matter of Havre Pipeline - Docket No. 95.2.5; Commissioner Rowe move to waive 10 day reconsideration request and set September 20, 1995, as date to file briefs by all parties on reconsideration. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(370) In the matter of Montana Power Company Tracker - Docket No. 94.11.50; Commissioner Fisher moved to overrule MPC objection to DR PA 1-009(b) on reconsideration. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg and Anderson voted aye.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang and Martin Jacobson

(371) In the matter of Port Polson Taxi Service - Docket No. T-95.52.PCN; Commissioner Rowe moved to rant temporary authority to transfer Medicaid patients, except that transportation which both originates and terminates within Kalispell a 50 mile radius thereof is prohibited. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners Rowe, Fisher, Anderson and McCaffree voted aye. Commissioner Oberg abstained.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes..... September 18, 1995 10:00
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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, September 18, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his votes with the Commission Secretary on the following issues.

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott
Utility Division

(372) In the matter of MPC - Docket D95.9.126; on September 5, 1995, Montana Power Company filed a request for extension of an approved and expired allowance for GTAC accounting treatment for investments in certain expansions generating gas transportation revenues. The company states that the August 31, 1994, expiration date was overlooked and requests extension to August 31, 1995. Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the request for extension. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(373) In the matter of US WEST Communications - Docket N95.9.125; on September 1, 1995, pursuant to its ISDN tariff, USWC filed for Commission approval to provide one ISDN line to Gibson Guitar in Bozeman. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the ISDN tariff. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(374) In the matter of Docket T-94.50.RR; Burlington Northern Railroad Company (BNRC) filed a petition to close Eureka/Fortune Dualized Agency. Additionally the Transportation Communications International Union (TCU) filed a complaint against BNRC concerning the agency functions at Eureka/Fortune. A proposed order was issued August 15, 1995, denying both the request for discontinuance of agency service and the complaint by TCU. No exceptions have been filed. Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the final order. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(375) In the matter of Docket TN1729; James E. Michael, Kalispell, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 56 to Flathead Area Custom Transportation, Inc. dba Kalispell Taxi and Airport Shuttle Service, Kalispell, Montana for a one year period September 19, 1995 to September 19, 1996.

Class B - Persons, baggage and express within the City of Kalispell,

Montana and between points and places tributary thereto, but not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said City of Kalispell.

Class B - Persons within the city of Kalispell, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding twenty-five (25) miles in any direction from

Class B - Persons and hand luggage as a common carrier, between all points and places with the town of Kalispell, Montana.

Commissioner Rowe moved to continued the lease of PSC No. 56 for a period of one year.

Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 19, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent, but left his votes with the Commissioner Secretary on the following issues.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(376) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana-Dakota Utility Company, Docket 95.4.14; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a final order which settles all issues and makes the Spring 1995 Interim Order permanent. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

(377) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a proposed procedural schedule in the Montana Power Company gas tracking rate case, Docket 94.11.50; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize staff to amend the procedural schedule to accommodate proceeding delays. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson and Bonnie Lorang

(378) In the matter of H. R. and E. R. Roberts, and Protestants motion for expedited discovery, Docket T-95.34.PCN; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant the motion for expedited discovery. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(379) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of exceptions of a proposed order to discontinue Burlington Northern Railroad Company's agency services at Libby/Troy Montana, Docket T-94.5 IRR; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the exception of Burlington Northern Railroad on need for supplemental proceedings, but amend the final order on date of hearing and possible violations. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2; with Commissioners Anderson, Fisher and Rowe voting aye and Commissioners McCaffree and Oberg dissenting.

Commissioner Oberg moved to grant Burlington Northern's exception on post closure requirements and modify final order to change instructive order to a request., Commissioner Fisher

seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2; with Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg voting aye and Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissenting.

Commissioner Oberg moved to issue a final order. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(380) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Valley Taxi and a final order on its request for temporary operating authority, Docket T-95.30.PCN; Commissioner Fisher moved to grant the authority per staff recommendation and grant temporary authority pending resolution of any motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed

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APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist

(381) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Ronan Telephone Company's filing on switched 56KB service tariffs, Docket N95.8.119; Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend the filing to allow comments from Ronan Telephone and further staff analysis. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson and Ron Woods

(382) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of a final order in LaCasa Water Company, Docket 95.6.28; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the final order, settling the case by adopting the interim order. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(383) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Calling Party Pays - Docket No. 94.3.11; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to draft an order granting interim approval with branding, "OSA" like full disclosure of pricing information. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Fisher moved to direct staff to draft an interim order granting interim approval of the filling without branding. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2; with Commissioner Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg voting aye and Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissenting.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang and Wayne Budt

(384) In the matter of Carol Place dba Tour de GreatFalls', Ulm, Montana request for suspension so fits authority, Docket T95.32.PCN; Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant the request for suspension for a period of six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1; with Commissioner Oberg dissenting.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson and Dan Elliott

(385) In the matter of Pacific Power & Light Company - act on request for pass through of its, Bonneville Power Administration reduction in credit, Docket N95.8.114; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue a notice of change of rates effective October 1, 1995 as drafted by staff. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson

(386) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's request for a protective order in its general rate case, Docket D95.9.128; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue the protective order as drafted. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not leave his votes with the Commission Secretary on the following issue.

APPEARANCE

Mike Sheard and Martin Jacobson

(387) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area of Service; Commissioner Rowe moved to suspend Docket 94.2.5 (EAS). Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to draft an order initiating an EAS docket on the Commission's own motion for those exchanges meeting calling criteria in rules solely within US WEST territory. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to open an EAS proceeding for West Glacier exchange. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, September 25, 1995 the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Dan Elliott
Utility Division

(388) In the matter of USWC - Docket N95.9.131; on September 8, 1995, pursuant to its ISDN tariff, USWC filed for Commission approval to provide one ISDN to the Office of Public Instruction in Helena. Commissioner Fisher moved to approve USWC to provide one ISDN line to the Office of Public Instruction. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(389) In the matter of USWC - Docket N95.9.127; on September 8, 1995, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 95-18 to revise its Exchange and Network Services tariff by adding Frame Relay, Service as an Open Network Architecture Basic Serving Arrangement.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revised tariff. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(390) In the matter of USWC - Docket N95.9.129; on September 8, 1995, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 95-19 to request authorization to run a Call Waiting/Caller ID promotion. The nonrecurring charges will be waived for customers who purchase Caller ID and/or Call Waiting during the period of October 3 through November 17. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the tariff transmittal as filed. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Bonnie Lorang
Transportation Division

(391) In the matter of Docket TNI730; Robert Roberts dba PDQ Transfer, Billings, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9237 for a period of six months, September 14, 1995 to March 14, 1996.

Class C - Property, in the City of Billings, Montana, and to or from points immediately tributary thereto, but not to exceed a distance of ten (10) miles in any direction thereof.

Commissioner Oberg moved to suspend PSC No. 9237 for a period of six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(392) In the matter of Docket TN1731; Travel Inc. of Choteau, Incorporate dba The Main Connection Travel Service, Choteau, Montana requests permission to suspend PSC No. 9280 for a period of six months, October 10, 1995 to April 10, 1996.

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taxi service is prohibited in Toole, Glacier, Liberty and Pondera Counties. 6) Passengers and baggage from Great Falls International Airport is limited to transportation to Main Connection Tours in Teton County and returning to the Great Falls International Airport.

Commissioner Anderson moved to suspend PSC No. 9280 for a period of six months. Commis-
sioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(393) In the matter of Docket TN1732; Gene Farber dba Lewistown Taxi, Lewistown, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 93 1 0 to Eric Rammelt dba Lewistown, Taxi, Lewistown, Montana for a period of two months pending completion of a pending sale and transfer application.

Class B - Passengers, baggage and freight between all points and places in the following counties: Fergus, Wheatland and Petroleum.
Limitations: Transportation of freight will not exceed fifty (50) pounds per shipment. (Passenger baggage weight is not limited.)

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 9310 for a period of two months.
Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(394) In the matter of Docket TN1733; City Taxi, Inc., Bozeman, Montana requests permission to renew the lease of PSC No. 303 with Karst Stage, Inc., Bozeman, Montana for a one year period of time, September 17, 1995 to September 17, 1996.

Class A - Persons, within the City of Bozeman, Montana.

Class B - Persons by charter, from any point authorized to be served in regular Class "A" service to any and all points in the State of Montana. This certificate is incident to certificate of Public convenience and necessity, M RC No. 303, authorizing Class "A" service and may not be separately sold or leased. Limitations: a.) The hiring of charter service must be for the entire vehicle and solicitation of individual passengers to constitute a load is prohibited. b.) The charter trip must originate or terminate in the area authorized to be served by the carrier in regular Class "A" service. c.) Charter service, except to schools, churches, lodges or community and service organizations, is prohibited unless the one way trip is in excess of ten (10) miles.

Commissioner Fisher moved to approve the continued lease of PSC No. 303 for a period of one year. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion this passed unanimously.

(395) In the matter of Docket TN1734; Benjamin R. Cohen dba North Valley Refuse, Whitefish, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 3325 to NVR, Inc. dba North Valley Refuse, Whitefish, Montana for a one year period, September 27, 1995 to September 27, 1996.

Class D - Garbage, waste and refuse (1) within Whitefish, Montana, and points and places within a seven (7) mile radius thereof; and (2) transportation between Whitefish, Montana and the Flathead County line via Highway 93, serving all intermediate points; and (3)

transportation movements Nos. 1 and 2 above will terminate at the presently existing sanitary landfill dump nearest Whitefish, Montana. Limitations: Transportation is prohibited within Columbia Falls, Montana and a five (5) mile radius thereof. Transportation is prohibited within Kalispell, Montana and a ten (10) mile radius thereof.

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Class C & D- - Refuse, debris and rubbish from the cleaning out of railroad freight cars and damaged and discarded parts of railroad freight cars and engines but transportation limited to Burlington Northern, Inc., and the Western Fruit Express Company, between points and places in Flathead County. Montana.

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the continuation of the lease of PSC No. 3325 for a period of one year. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Mike Lee and Robin McHugh

(396) In the matter of Docket N95.8.110; Commissioner Rowe moved to direct staff to file reply,

comments in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's MEGA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCAFFREE, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes..... September 26, 1995 9:30 a.m.
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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, September 26, 1995, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Chair
Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(397) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Extended Area of Service; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the notice of EAS proceeding. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh, Will Rosquist, Wayne Budt

(398) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's, integrated resource plan filing; Commissioner Oberg moved to direct staff to evaluate the 1995 Integrated Resource Plan of Montana-Dakota Utilities Company. Commissioner

Anderson
seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Robin McHugh and Wayne Budt

(399) In the matter of the Commissioner's discussion of an amendment to consultant Tim Watson's contract on affiliated interests, Docket N-93-67; Commissioner Fisher moved to not pay more than the \$7,500.00 authorized in the contract to Watson Consulting. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 3-2.

APPEARANCE
Denise Peterson and Ron Woods

(400) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Havre Pipeline Company and its request for a declaratory ruling and interim transportation rates, Docket Nos. 95.2.5 and D95.9.136; Commissioner Oberg moved to deny the exception filed by various parties. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which failed on a 2-3 vote, with Commissioner Anderson and Rowe voting aye and Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg voting nay.

Commissioner Oberg moved to issue the declaratory ruling, reserving the issue of jurisdiction over gather systems and scheduling oral arguments in Havre. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize initial transmission tariffs based on 12% ROE and without acquisition adjustment. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Will Rosquist and Robin McHugh

(401) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC'S ISDN contracts; Commissioner Fisher moved to delegate to staff approval of routine ISDN contract process. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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APPEARANCE
Martin Jacobson

(402) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's rate case and request for interim rate relief and protective order, Docket 95.7.97; Commissioner Anderson, moved to approve the staff draft of interim rate approval of Montana Power Company's Townsend, Montana vapor propane system. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson moved to issue the protective order. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Dennis Crawford

(403) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its natural gas BTU monitoring program; Commissioner Fisher moved to authorize staff to renew the contract with consultant Martin Kane for the BTU monitoring program. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANCY McCaffree, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes..... September 28, 1995 11:00
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At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's

Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, September 28, 1995, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Denise Peterson and Ron Woods

(404) In the matter of the application of Havre Pipeline Company, Docket 95.2.5; LLC for a declaratory ruling on public utility status. Commissioner Oberg moved to reconsider the previous decision and issue the August 15, 1995 declaratory ruling finding that the Montana Public Service Commission does not have regulatory jurisdiction over the gathering portion of the former Northern Natural Gas system and deny all exceptions. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 3-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)